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Addendum

The present document contains additional information on assistance by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to Montserrat.

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1. The programme of assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the period 1992-1996 is described in document DP/CP/MOT/3, containing the third country programme for Montserrat, approved by the UNDP Governing Council in May 1992. The total resources for this programme are $521,000, which includes the indicative planning figure (IPF) entitlement of $434,000 and cost-sharing commitments of $87,000.

2. In recognition of the specific characteristics of small island economies and in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of Montserrat, the programme places emphasis on UNDP support for environmental and natural resources management, an area which has absorbed more than 90 per cent of available resources. There has been substantial progress in the establishment of a physical planning unit to direct natural resource management and in the preparation of an environmental profile of the island and an inventory of its historical, archeological, cultural and natural resources.

3. Montserrat, as a full member of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), continues to benefit from the fifth multi-island programme (1992-1996) for the Eastern Caribbean, described in document DP/CP/CAR/5, which was approved by the Governing Council in May 1992. The UNDP IPF resources for this programme, which concentrates on management development environmental protection and resource management, and poverty reduction amount to $4 million.

4. Montserrat also receives UNDP assistance under the fourth regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, described in document DP/RLA/4. The Caribbean component of this regional programme has made provision for technical assistance in the amount of $7 million to benefit the countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), in which Montserrat continues to be the only non-independent member State.

5. In response to the programme of action ensuing from the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which took place in Barbados from 25 April to 6 May 1994, two aspects of the programme of action are receiving particular UNDP attention. They are: (a) the establishment of a collaborative network to facilitate access by small island developing States to vital environmental information; and (b) the implementation of a technical assistance programme, which will among other things support the implementation of the programme of action and in particular address capacity-building constraints of small island developing States.

6. Also in response to the programme of action, UNDP has launched a regional project funded under Capacity 21, which bears potential benefit for Montserrat, since it will eventually extend its assistance to more than the six pilot countries within the Caribbean region, with the objective of strengthening their capacities to manage and implement sustainable development plans and programmes at the local, national and regional levels.